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!
HUH?

...It's deep.

SIGH .. LOOK AT YOU, CASUALLY TAKING OFF A WOMAN'S CLOTHING.
I KNEW IT, ALL MEN ARE THE SAME.

AH. S...SORRY.

NO NEED TO BE EMBARRASSED...
HM
HM

THEN I SHALL TAKE MY LEAVE...
?
HUH?
WHA...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOUR WOUNDS ARE MUCH HEAVIER THAN THE BOY'S

IT WAS MY FAULT THAT YOU WERE WOUNDED, SO TRUST ME ON THIS ONE.
WE NEED TO ATTEND TO YOUR WOUNDS RIGHT NOW.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. THIS WOUND IS NOTHING..

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU ALONE.. A REAL MAN WOULDN'T LEAVE A WOUNDED LADY BY HERSELF.

THAT'S RIGHT! A REAL MAN SHOULD...
Men, they're always like this..

ALL RIGHT THEN LET'S GO AND FIND A DOCTOR TO HEAL MY WOUND.
GOT IT.

HOW ARE YOU STILL CONSCIOUS?
YOU'RE TOUGHER THAN YOU LOOK.

.....

...WELL, HE'S HANDLING HIMSELF PRETTY WELL.
W...WHAT?!

This guy is...

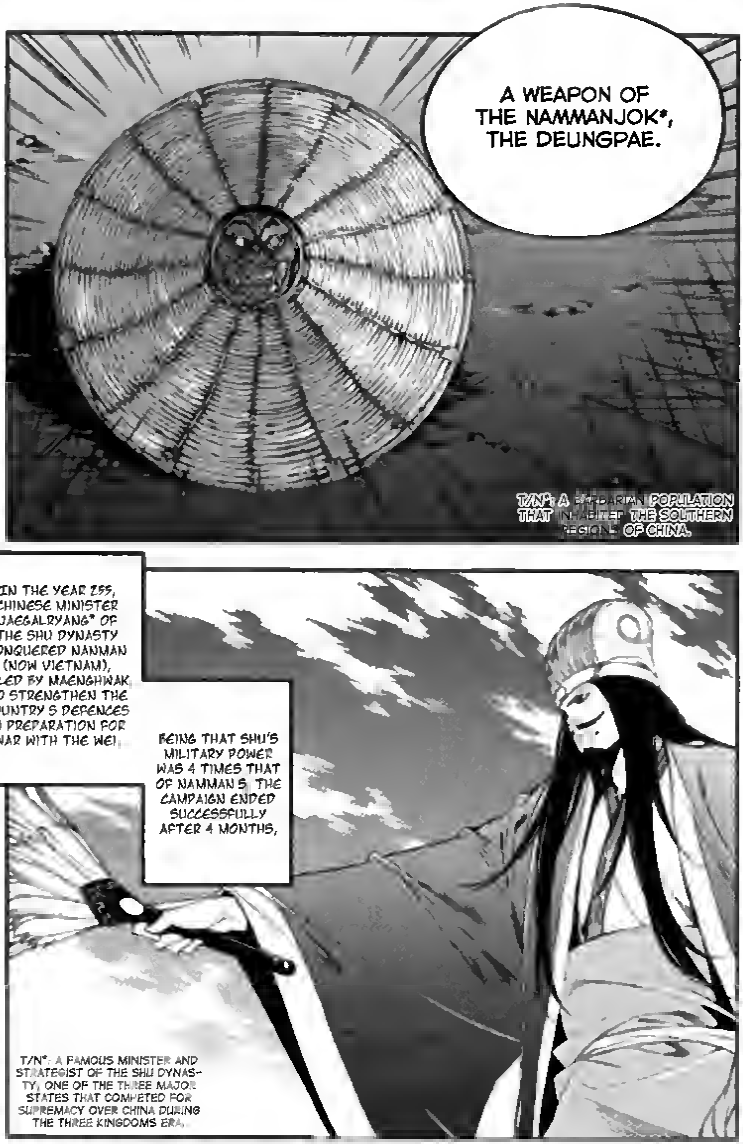
I guess there's no need for me to bring it up. I don't want to hurt his pride.
Men are so bothersome sometimes...
HE WAS THE ONE THAT I WOUNDED RIGHT?
!
I NOTICED THAT HE MOVED FROM THE SPOT WHERE HE FELL EARLIER.
DID YOU NOT SAY ANYTHING TO NOT HURT MY PRIDE?
Sigh... Not saying anything also seems to be a problem...
This is tough.

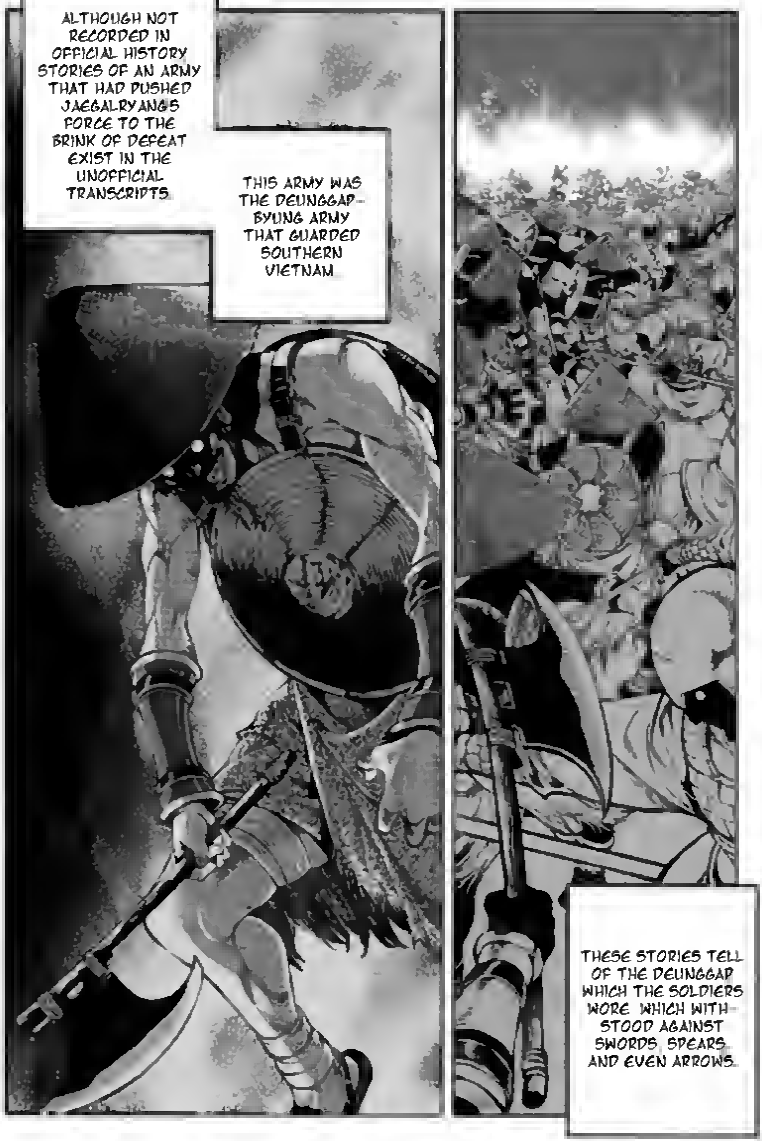
I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON.
YOU KNOW HOW TO RESPECT A MAN'S PRIDE
UGHHH..
HAH!

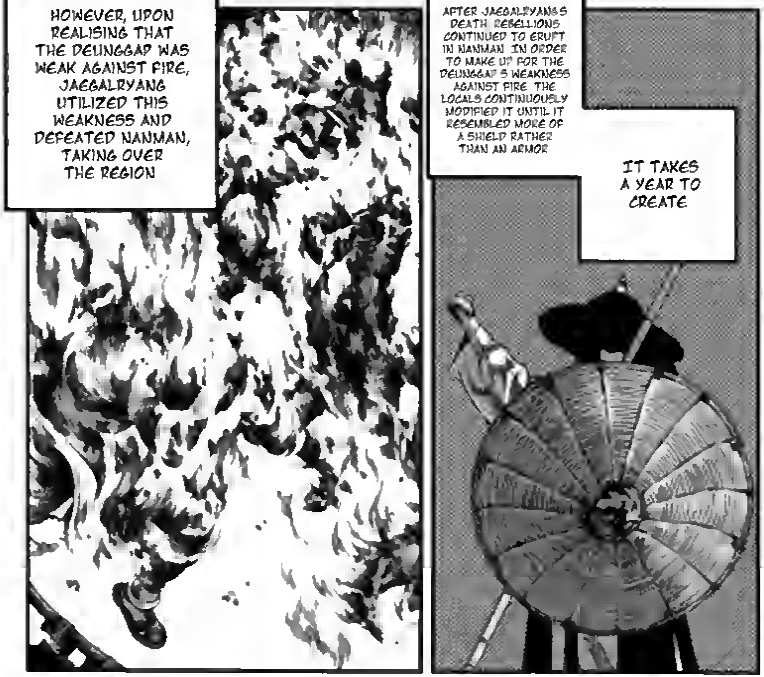
두리번
두리번
ARE YOU AWAKE?
!
SO?
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE DEAD?!
?
NOT AWAKE YET, HUH?
DO YOU REMEMBER TRYING TO SNEAK INTO LORD HONG BONG HAN'S PLACE?

YOU LET ME LIVE?
UNFORTUNATELY, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE YOUR OWN LIFE.
I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU WOULD'VE GOT CAUGHT BEFORE KILLING EVEN A SINGLE SERVANT OF LORD HONG'S
BUT, IF YOU WANT, I GUESS I CAN HELP YOU.
!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'LL USE THIS AS MY EXCUSE.
... YOUR EXCUSE?
THE EXCUSE THAT YOU WANTED TO HEAR FROM ME.
YOU MUST'VE BEEN REFERRING TO MY VISIT TO LORD HONG BONG HAN?
TO OFFER YOU HELP INSTEAD OF CAPTURING AND HANDING YOU OVER TO LORD HONG. I BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD ENOUGH EXCUSE. DON'T YOU AGREE?

GOOD. I'LL TAKE IT THAT YOU'VE ACCEPTED MY OFFER. WE START IMMEDIATELY.
WHAT?
WE HAVE TO TRAIN YOU TO AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
LOOK.
...A SHIELD?
A SHIELD...
WELL, THAT'S NOT WRONG.


A WEAPON OF THE NAMMANJOK*, THE DEUNGPAE.
T/N*: A [illegible] POPULATION THAT [illegible] THE SOUTHERN REGIONS OF CHINA.
IN THE YEAR 255, CHINESE MINISTER JAEGALRYANG* OF THE SHU DYNASTY CONQUERED NAMMAN (NOW VIETNAM), RULED BY MAENGHWAK. TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S DEFENCES IN PREPARATION FOR WAR WITH THE WEI,
BEING THAT SHU'S MILITARY POWER WAS 4 TIMES THAT OF NAMMAN'S. THE CAMPAIGN ENDED SUCCESSFULLY AFTER 4 MONTHS,
T/N*: A FAMOUS MINISTER AND STRATEGIST OF THE SHU DYNASTY, ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR STATES THAT COMPETED FOR SUPREMACY OVER CHINA DURING THE THREE KINGDOMS ERA.


ALTHOUGH NOT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL HISTORY STORIES OF AN ARMY THAT HAD PUSHED JAEGALRYANGS FORCE TO THE BRINK OF DEFEAT EXIST IN THE UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.
THIS ARMY WAS THE DEUNGGAP-BYUNG ARMY THAT GUARDED SOUTHERN VIETNAM.
THESE STORIES TELL OF THE DEUNGGAP WHICH THE SOLDIERS WORE WHICH WITHSTOOD AGAINST SWORDS, SPEARS, AND EVEN ARROWS.


HOWEVER, UPON REALISING THAT THE DEUNGGAP WAS WEAK AGAINST FIRE, JAEGALRYANG UTILIZED THIS WEAKNESS AND DEFEATED NANMAN, TAKING OVER THE REGION
AFTER JAEGALRYANG'S DEATH, REBELLIONS CONTINUED TO ERUPT IN NANMAN. IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE DEUNGGAP'S WEAKNESS AGAINST FIRE, THE LOCALS CONTINUOUSLY MODIFIED IT UNTIL IT RESEMBLED MORE OF A SHIELD RATHER THAN AN ARMOR
IT TAKES A YEAR TO CREATE

A YEAR?!

THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO CREATE A DEUNGPAE.
FIRST, YOU MUST IMMERSE THE STEMS OF THE RATTAN PLANT IN OIL AND DRY THEM, AND REPEAT THIS PROCESS TWENTY TIMES.
THEY ARE THEN WOVEN INTO THE SHAPE OF A SHIELD.
IF IT RAINS, THE PRODUCTION TIME LENGTHENS DRAMATICALLY.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, THE COST OF A DEUNGPAE IS...
EQUIVALENT TO A NORMAL HOUSE IN HANYANG.
!

A HOUSE?!
!!
WHY DON'T YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF!

W...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
FIO
KHOHOH
샤카아아
That wasn't the sound of an arrow getting stuck.
Huh? What's that sound?!
.....?

두근 두근
!
It slid off the shield!
IT IS SAID THAT EVEN BULLETS COULDN'T PENETRATE THE DEUNG-PAE.

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AMAZING. EVEN MEN WOULD PAINT WHEN SUCH WOUNDS ARE TREATED WITH SALT WATER,
AND YET YOU DIDN'T UTTER A SINGLE SOUND..
IS THERE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH THE TREATMENT?
IT'S TREATABLE, BUT THE SCAR WILL LAST.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
IS THAT SO...
ARE YOU LEAVING?
YES. THE SUN IS RISING.
?

THE SUN HAS RISEN. SHOULDN'T YOU BE ARRESTING ME?
?!
DOCTOR CHOI?
YES, MASTER.
WHATEVER HAPPENED HERE DIDN'T HAPPEN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
!
O...OF COURSE.

SO YOU'VE COME?
HEARING FROM OFFICIAL JUNG, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE BUSY YESTERDAY.
HAHA, EVEN YOU CAN MAKE A FACE OF SURPRISE LIKE THAT.

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